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Letter dated 8 December 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement, I have the honour to convey to you, in your capacity as President of the Security Council, the concerns of the Movement on the intention expressed by a permanent member of the Council to present a draft resolution on Myanmar.

The Non-Aligned Movement does not consider that the situation in Myanmar constitutes a threat to international peace and security, and opposes attempts by a permanent member of the Council to categorize Myanmar as such. Furthermore, countries neighbouring Myanmar that are members of the Non-Aligned Movement have stated that the domestic situation in Myanmar does not constitute a threat to regional peace and stability. Therefore, it is the position of the Movement that the situation in Myanmar should not be on the agenda of the Security Council.

At the 14th Summit of the Non-Aligned Movement, recently held in Havana, the Heads of State or Government of the Non-Aligned Movement called upon the Security Council to uphold the primacy of and respect for the Charter in connection with its functions and powers and stressed once again "that the decision by the Security Council to initiate formal or informal discussions on the situation in any Member State of the United Nations or any issue that does not constitute a threat to international peace and security is contrary to Article 24 of the Charter".

In this regard, the Movement further stresses once again the need for the Council to uphold the primacy of and full respect for the Charter in carrying out its duties and responsibilities.

The principled positions of the Movement on this issue have been transmitted in a timely fashion to the Presidents of the Security Council for the months of February, July, September and October 2006 through letters from the Chair of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement in New York, dated 10 February 2006, 20 February 2006, 10 July 2006, 29 September 2006 and 11 October 2006 respectively.

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I would like to request that the present letter be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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of the Non-Aligned Movement